

# GOVERNOR'S

20 SMALL
BUSINESS
WEBINAR SERIES

### **Basics of Business Licensing**

Governor's Office of Small Business Assistance July 28, 2022



**TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM** 



### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

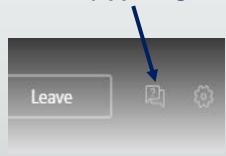
Please like one of these statements, in the <u>Featured Feed</u>:

I am thinking about starting a business or have recently (within 2 years) started a business.

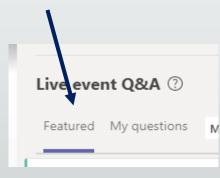
OR

I started a business more than 2 years ago.

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#### **Adriana Cruz**

**Executive Director Economic Development & Tourism Office of the Governor** 





## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please like one of these statements, in the <u>Featured Feed</u>:

My business provides a tangible product.

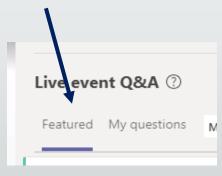
OR

My business provides a service or intangible product.

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# PANELISTS



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- 1. Does TDLR License General Contractors?
- 2. What occupations does TDLR license and regulate?



#### TDLR oversees the following 37 programs

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Contractors

**Used Auto Parts Recyclers** 

**Athletic Trainers** 

**Auctioneers** 

Barbering & Cosmetology

**Behavior Analysts** 

**Boiler Safety** 

**Combative Sports** 

**Licensed Breeders** 

**Code Enforcement Officers** 

**Court Ordered Programs** 

**Driver Education & Safety** 

**Dietitians** 

Dyslexia Therapists & Practitioners

**Elimination of Architectural Barriers** 

Electricians

Elevator/Escalator Safety

Motor Fuel Metering & Quality

Hearing Instrument Fitters & Dispensers

Industrialized Housing & Buildings

Laser Hair Removal

Massage Therapists

Midwives

Mold Assessors & Remediators

Motorcycle & ATV Operator Safety

**Orthotists & Prosthetists** 

**Professional Employer Organizations** 

**Podiatry** 

**Property Tax Consultants** 

**Property Tax Professionals** 

Sanitarians

**Service Contract Providers** 

Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

**Transportation Network Companies** 

Tow Trucks, Operators & Vehicle Storage Facilities

Water Well Drillers & Pump Installers

Weather Modification

Steve Bruno



- 3. Which entity types are created or formed by filing a document with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS)?
- 4. What is a "new veteran-owned business"?



#### Where do I file?

#### Business Entities Not Filed with the SOS:

- \*\*Sole Proprietorships
- \*\*General Partnerships

#### Common Business Entities Filed with the SOS:

- \*For-Profit Corporations (SOS Form 201)
- \*Nonprofit Corporations (SOS Form 202)
- \*Limited Liability Companies (LLC) (SOS Form 205)
- \*Limited Partnerships (SOS Form 207)



<sup>\*\*</sup>TIP: You may still need to file an assumed name certificate (with the relevant county) if you are doing business under another name.

#### Formation of New Veteran-Owned Business

- Effective January 1, 2022, you may again form a "new veteran-owned business" as defined by Senate Bill 938 (87th Reg., 2021).
- A new veteran-owned business is not subject to certain filing fees and the Texas franchise tax until the earlier of the 5th anniversary of the entity's existence or the date the business ceases to qualify as a new veteran-owned business.
- Visit <a href="https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/veterans.shtml">https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/veterans.shtml</a> for more information.





# LIVE Q&A - PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS...

#### **LIVE Q&A NOW OPEN**

- The live Q&A feed is now open...
- Watch the "Featured" or "Published" live Q&A feed
- Check if your question has already been asked
- "Like" the questions you would like answered
- Questions with the most "likes" will be prioritized

Unfortunately we may not get to all questions...



#### **LIVE Q&A NOW OPEN**

- 5. Does my business license/DBA provide me with legal protection?
- 6. If I have multiple business licenses, can I then run multiple businesses out of the same LLC?







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#### **BUSINESS PERMIT OFFICE**

The Business Permit Office assists businesses of all sizes in navigating Texas' permitting, licensing and regulatory environment and aids in resolving permitting issues that arise.



- Ombudsman/liaison for permitting and licensing assistance
- Comprehensive Texas permit guide by business type

gov.texas.gov/business/page/business-permits-office





This important tool offers a customized list of useful business resources to assist you in starting or growing your business in Texas.

Launched March 17, 2021

Types of information included in the portal:

- Federal, State and Local Resources
- Business Advice and Growth Assistance
- Funding Sources
- Additional Specific Resources
- Licensing and Permitting (Added April 26, 2022)
- Contact the Small Business Assistance Team



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**Governor's Small Business Webinar Series:** 

https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/small-business-webinars Slides available here within 48 hours

- **Events Calendar:** https://gov.texas.gov/business/events
- Find your local SBDC: https://americassbdc.org/small-business-consulting-and-training/find-your-sbdc/
- Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR):

https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/

Phone: **(512) 463-6599** 

Office of the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) – SOSDirect

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**Frequently Asked Questions** 

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/generalfags.shtml

### THANK YOU



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